



## Hythe & Saltwood Sailing Club

Contender Open Meeting 6th & 7th July 2024

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority: Hythe & Saltwood Sailing Club

## 1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the latest versions of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the Contender class rules.

1.2 RYA National Prescriptions will apply.

1.3 The RRS will be changed as follows:

(a) RRS40: An adequate personal flotation device to a minimum of 50N must be worn at all times whilst racing. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute an adequate personal flotation device. International Code Flag Y will not be displayed.

(b) RRS Rule 42 is changed as follows: **(1)** When the wind speed exceeds the specified limit of 10 knots (measured at deck level by the race committee) the race committee may signal that except on a beat to windward, pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted by displaying flag O before or with the warning signal. The flag will be removed at the starting signal. **(2)** If the wind speed exceeds the specified limit after the starting signal, the race committee may display flag O (with repetitive sound signals) at a mark to signal to a boat that, except on a beat to windward, pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted after she has passed the mark. **(3)** If the wind speed becomes less than the specified limit after flag O has been displayed, the race committee may display flag R (with repetitive sound signals) at a mark to signal to a boat that RRS rule 42 applies, unchanged, after she passes the mark.

1.4 Boats shall display any advertising material supplied by the Organising Authority.

1.5 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions then the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

## 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which will be on or adjacent to the race box blackboard located on the balcony.

## 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the schedule of races (other than to sail 4 races on day 1 of the event) will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club flagpole next to the Clubhouse.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore "one minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes after it is lowered".

#### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1 Six races are scheduled.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Time of Warning signal</b>	<b>HW</b>
Saturday 6th July	Race 1	11.55hrs	11.23
June	Race 2	Back to back after Race 1	
	Race 3	Back to back after Race 2	
Sunday 7th July	Race 4	10.55hrs	12.04
June	Race 5	Back to back after Race 4	
	Race 6	Back to back after Race 5	

5.2 The competitors briefing will take place at 11.00 on the Saturday of the event on the club balcony (or inside club).

5.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the regatta does not become more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 3.

5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 14.30. The prizegiving will be held as soon as possible after racing.

#### **6 CLASS FLAGS**

6.1 The Class Flag will be code flag C

#### **7 RACING AREA**

7.1 Courses will be set in Hythe Bay, approximately South of the club, but excluding the area of Hythe Ranges, the inshore Eastern limit of which is marked by a yellow buoy approximately 1/2 mile to the West of the Club. **Competitors must not sail in the area of Hythe Ranges before, during or after racing.**

#### **8 THE COURSES**

8.1 The course will be described at the briefing.

8.2 The number of laps will be displayed on the Committee boat no later than the warning signal.

#### **9 MARKS**

9.1 The Windward Mark will be an orange inflatable race mark.

9.2 The Wing Mark (if used) will be an orange inflatable race mark.

9.3 The Leeward Mark will be an orange inflatable race mark.

9.4 The Finish Mark will be either a pillar buoy or spherical buoy to be identified at the briefing.

## **10 THE START**

10.1 The races will be started as follows:

5 minutes before starting signal the Class Flag will be displayed

4 minutes before the starting signal the Preparatory Signal will be displayed, being either Flag P, Flag U or the Black Flag

1 minute before the start - Preparatory Signal flag removed

Starting signal, Class Flag removed.

10.2 The starting line will be between the mast on the Committee boat at the starboard end and a pillar buoy or spherical buoy to be identified at the briefing.

10.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.

This changes RRS A4.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

11.1 To change the next leg of the course (substantially), the Race Committee will move the existing mark to a new position or lay a new alternate mark (or finishing line).

(a) If the direction of the leg will be changed substantially, the Committee will aim to signal the change from the committee boat or a safety boat.

(b) Subsequent legs may be changed without further signalling in order to maintain the course shape.

## **12 SHORTENING COURSE**

12.1 Courses may be shortened as follows:

- when the leading boat approaches the last mark of the course before the intended finish the Committee Boat shall display flag S with two sounds.

## **13 THE FINISH**

13.1 The finishing line will be between the mast on the committee boat and the finish mark which will be a pillar buoy or spherical buoy to be identified at the briefing.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 The penalty system shall be in accordance with rules RRS44.1 and RRS44.2

## **15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

15.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Target time: 45mins-1hr for leader

First Leg limit: 30 minutes

Time limit: 90 minutes

15.2 At the discretion of the Race Officer, boats at the back of the fleet, and whose finishing positions are unlikely to change, may be given their observed position on the

course and instructed to return to the starting area for the start of the next race. Any such boat may be signalled with a 'W' flag.

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

16.1 Protest forms are available from the Race Office located in the Clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals 'no more racing today', whichever is later.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and to specify the location where hearings are to take place.

16.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## **17 SCORING**

17.1 The scoring is as per rule RRS 90.3 (Appendix A), Low Points System.

17.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.3 When 4 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.4 When 5 races or more have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

18.1 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible

## **19 LITTER DISPOSAL**

19.1 Litter may be placed aboard support or official boats.

## **20 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

20.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **21 PRIZES**

21.1 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the race committee

## **22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk - see RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority, its officers and members do not accept

liability for any direct, indirect or consequential loss, damage, costs, or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **23 RISK STATEMENT**

23.1 Rule 4 of the RRS states 'the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone'

23.2 Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

(a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk while taking part in the event;

(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore;

(c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss caused by their own actions or omissions.

(d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

(e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

(f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

(g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event notified to them in the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions, the competitors' briefing(s) or otherwise; and

(h) It is their responsibility to wear appropriate clothing and protective gear.

## **24 INSURANCE**

24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million pounds sterling per incident or the equivalent.

## **25 RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHT**

25.1 By entering the event competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any still images, motion pictures and/or other live or recorded visual and/or audio coverage of themselves and/or their boats during or in connection with the Event.